

Assemblymember Christine Kehoe



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Assemblymember Christine Kehoe, Speaker Pro Tem

Property Tax Relief for Victims of 2003 Wildfires

My Property Tax Relief bill (AB1510) was recently passed by the Assembly with a unanimous vote. This bill will reimburse seven counties that suffered from recent natural disasters from property tax losses from county property re-assessment. San Diego County was the most severely damaged county with over 3000 homes destroyed in the October 2003 fires.

I am glad the Assembly came together in a partisan effort to provide relief to the seven affected counties. It will take years to fully recover. This legislation will assure that funding for essential public safety services are not reduced due to the fires.

AB 1510 now moves to the Senate. To read the text of this bill, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov and search by bill number or by author.

100% Rating from Housing California

I'm pleased to announce that I recently received a 100 percent rating from Housing California in their recent legislative report card.

Housing California is a statewide coalition of over 1,000 organizations that includes developers and homeless service providers, that educates and advocates on policy and budget issues in order to increase housing opportunities for homeless and very low-income Californians.

Each year Housing California compiles a record on how legislators vote on bills related to land use, homelessness, housing finance, tenants' rights, and other housing measures. To view this year's voting record, go to: <http://www.housingca.org/>.

Learn More About Voting in the Primary Election

The upcoming Primary Election on March 2nd, 2004 is an opportunity for you to make your voice heard on a number of issues. In addition to local, state, and federal candidate races, there are four state propositions on the ballot: Propositions 55, 56, 57, and 58.

Secretary of State Kevin Shelley has provided a Voter Information Guide on his web site that includes summaries of the propositions, an overview of state bond debt, and general voter information. If you would like to learn more about these issues, visit the Secretary of State's website at:

<http://voterguide.ss.ca.gov/propositions/propositions.html>

Who is my Representative?

Would you like to find out which districts and candidates you'll be voting on and who your current representatives are? Visit the San Diego County Registrar of Voters' web site and select the link "Find your Elected Representatives." The home page also provides links to a variety of voter information, including instructions for San Diego County's new touch screen voting system. Don't forget to vote on March 2nd! Their website address is:

<http://sdvote.com>

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San Diego Street Fairs

A real treat for San Diegans in the spring and summer months are the numerous street fairs that take place throughout our city. Street fairs offer us an opportunity to get to know San Diego's colorful communities and enjoy a variety of vendors, food, and entertainment. I look forward to hosting a booth at the following street fairs.

Linda Vista Multicultural Fair www.lindavistafair.org	April 24
EarthDay Earth Fair 2004 www.earthdayweb.org/	April 25
Adams Avenue Roots Festival www.normalheights.org/events/rootsfestival/2004/	May 1 & 2
North Park Spring Festival www.northparkmainstreet.com/spfest/spfst2004.htm	May 16
San Diego PRIDE http://www.sdpride.org/	July 31 st & August 1 st
CityFest 619-299-3330	August 8
Serra Mesa Community Fair 858-573-1408	September 18
Adams Avenue Street Fair www.normalheights.org/events/streetfair/2004/	Sept. 25 th & 26 th
Pacific BeachFest www.pacificbeachfest.com/	October 9

If you're interested in volunteering a few hours to staff one of my booths, call my office at (619) 294-7600. I'm always looking for more volunteers!

Start a Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch is an effective program aimed keeping crime out of our neighborhoods. It relies on the best crime fighting tool ever invented – a good neighbor. Good neighbors are found everywhere – houses and apartment buildings, in urban, suburban or rural areas.

My office offers Neighborhood Watch brochures that explain how you can work with local law enforcement

to start and sustain an effective Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood. If you'd like some Neighborhood Watch brochures, email me at Assemblymember.Kehoe@assembly.ca.gov.

Get a Copy of the California Constitution

California's first constitution was adopted by our state and went into effect in 1849. The original Constitution of 1849 was the supreme law of the State until the present Constitution was adopted in 1879. The present constitution, one of the most extensive in the world, has been amended 460 times since its adoption.

Each year, the California Constitution is printed and made available to the public. This is a great way to familiarize yourself with the Constitution upon which California was founded.

If you'd like a copy of *The Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of California*, please email me at Assemblymember.Kehoe@assembly.ca.gov.

Upcoming Events

Blue Ribbon Fire Commission - Governor Schwarzenegger's Blue Ribbon Fire Commission will next meet in Costa Mesa at the Hilton Hotel, 3050 Bristol St., on February 19 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is the opportunity for Californians to make their opinions, suggestions and experiences related to the fires heard. For more information on the Commission, go to:
<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/0/3D3127F2BCFF01B688256DE3005FAF6E?OpenDocument>.

State of Arts & Culture - San Diego Civic Theatre, February 19, 5 p.m. – For more information, call 619-533-3024

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